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Vampire Library

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Come, let your feelings
be drawn to me...
Arrest, execute.

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DETECTIVE/MYSTERY
SECTION



A while back.



It seems the house was struck by lightning and reduced to this...

How strange.

Fortunately the landlord and the student who rented the place were out at the time, so there weren't any casualties.

But thank goodness.

And who are those people? I've seen them clearing up this place for a few days now?

I have no idea. I think they're from a company called 'Huntar' or some thing.

Their name sounds familiar...

...Oh! It's them, the agency that I once asked for pest control service!





That's
right,
Ma'am!

Be it pest
control or
cleaning, we
are at your
service!

It's
our job to
clean this
world.

and we,
the hunters,
are confident
in delivering
satisfying
service.

That's the place I was talking about...

The haunted house in a disguise of a library!

It just appeared one day out of nowhere. And unlike other places, they don't have a website or even a social media page. So you can't find any information about the people working there. Don't you also sense some sort of unspeakable terror coming from the inside?

Aah, it really might be a vampire's nest after all...

What a terrifying level of deception.

Well... I guess it's kinda suspicious.

Right? You're also curious, aren't you? So~

...WHY ME!! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S SO CURIOUS ABOUT IT, YOU DO IT!

I can't, I aspire to become a author!

I will acquire books!

WHAT'S WITH THE LAME EXCUSE?

Respyiting

With your looks, I'm positive that you'll be hired!

It's my one and only wish!!

Didn't you say you needed a job? Please, just for a month!

...Fine

I probably won't
get accepted
anyway...

I'm only
going to do
this because
you're the
one asking

... that was a
miscalculation
on my part.

I was hired the same day, and began working immediately... I was bitten (although I also bit him back), chained down (although I've finally got a full-time job, with food and shelter provided), and exposed to all sorts of questionable situations, but I've finally reached the one-month mark!

FLA

SH

BE

AM

The fruits of
my effort have

finally shown up in
my bank account!!



I think I'll be
able to work
hard today.

...or so I
thought.



What is he
doing here
exactly...!!

STARE







White hair, and
red eyes...

Ugh...how distracting



they also suited
her very well

Any of
your parents
also have this
hair colour?

STROKE

STROKE



Eek?

Not at all!!

Both my
parents have
black hair!!

Is that
so...



Swish



I gave
a ruby
to her

...



as a gift.



Your
ruby,

where did
you get it
from?

You
mean my
earrings...?



They're not real.
I bought them from
some street stall...





... Just
what am
I hoping
for?



Mano is
not Eve.

Am I trying to
see him as a
worthy opponent?

for the woman
whose life I took
myself?



... how stupid.



... So
that's why he
entrusted me
with this!



Now it's my
turn to make
a move!!

Hey Mann,
could you go and
pick up some donated
books? Here's
the address.

Of course,
you're free
after that.

(Which option do you prefer?)



A Tax
episode

RIAA

...Leave
it to me!

STAYING
HERE WITH
CAROL

SE!!

To be honest, I
hate going out
in the daytime.

I'll
be going
now!

Allowed to wear
casual clothes for
outside tasks

but I have
to meet
someone
anyway...

Enjoy~

Then
I'll also...
be going
now.

NoD..



Lost track
of him
immediately.





Can't be helped.

It's been a while, time to tune in...



Who, that was I, why I wouldn't go anywhere due for lunch.

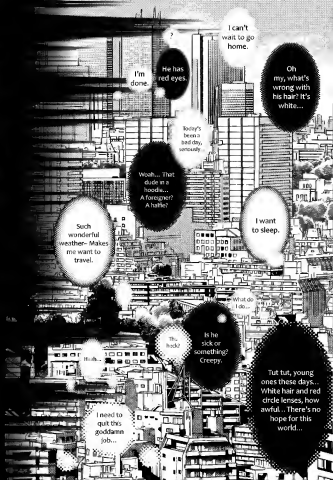
That ruined my appetite.

What a waste of money, tastes like crap.



White hair ... I Or am I misheard?

Ash... I'm starving.



I can't wait to go home.

I'm done.

He has red eyes.

Oh my, what's wrong with his hair? It's white...

Today's been a bad day, seriously...

Woah... That dude in a hoodie... A foreigner? A hah!

I want to sleep.

Such wonderful weather- Makes me want to travel.

What do I do...

The hood?

Is he sick or something? Creepy.

Tut tut, young ones these days... White hair and red circle lenses, how awful... There's no hope for this world...

I need to quit this goddamn job...



Found him!

Heart! Speech! Heart! Heart! Heart!

I'd lost confidence to a degree because it didn't work on Mano before.



It's good that Mano's looks attract attention.

Since humans react immediately to anything even slightly out of the ordinary

1 o'clock in the afternoon...
I found Mano...



IN A BRAWL.

...Try saying it again. What's wrong with my eyes?

Should I make your eyes like mine? C'more

No!!

I'M SORRY!!

Being taunted.

Take a look at his hair. Just how many times did you bleach it?

Did you want to stand out that much, F'her?

Well, he does stand out. Enough to stop us in our tracks.



Retaliating.

Quit it with the idiotic act.

What are you, a middle schooler?

Girlhood can sleep.

Yes... big brother.



Being taunted.

Exterminate!
Cracker
bunnet!



His hair is white, and his eyes are blood red? He must be an alien!

Rawr~

We must destroy him!

Retaliating.



Rich these days have no manners.

MAMAAA





Our poor
Mano...

The book
relayed
for Mano
Mushiki

MMPH!!

So that's why he
hates going outside
in the daytime...!!

2 o'clock, arrived
at destination.



I'll leave
them in your
care.

For elderly contributors who
may struggle with sending
parcels, or people who live
nearby, we usually pick up
the books directly.

They
may just
be a couple
of worn out
books, but
they mean
a lot to
me...

Yes, sir.



Thank you
very much



... Is he going to
head home straight
away...? Will I return
empty-handed
today...?



put the books safely away in his bag

...Hey,

I just
finished.

See you
there in 30
minutes.





At half past 3, he met up with someone.



Hey~



Hey,

what's
with your
uniform
...?



I cannot subsist through unfulfilled
aspiration, so I guess you could say
I'm forced to work
part-time in order to
survive...?

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Hehehe,
don't drink alcohol
in your uniform

Have you
decided on your
order?

I'll have a
long black.



Have you
decided on
your order?



...Y-yes,
sir.

Handsome,
but has a screw
loose... Damn...
What a waste...



It's been
a month.
How have
you been?



Well,
you
see...

The house that got
struck by random
lightning just a while
ago was actually
the place I was
renting....



I think that's the
one my team got
sent to clean up. So
it was your place
after all.

Anyways, I lost
my laptop and
all the data
along with it
that day so...



Oh, so the
USB I gave you
was plugged in
at the time. .



That's
how it is.

... I see.

Even so,
I'm glad
that you're
safe.

Nothing
can be done
about the
lost data.

But it's
okay, because
I can hear about
it directly
from you.





That's
true...

Seho stayed
at the same
orphanage as
me,

though he was
the last to join



and the first
to leave.

To be honest, I was
envious that he was set freed
from that hellish place.

I ran away from
the orphanage
one year later







but you
are still
young
and weak.

if you
had parents,
they'd support
you. But we must
grow strong on
our own.

If you want to
train, feel free
to come here. I
can do at least
that much for
you.

When the
time comes
that you've
become strong
enough to take
responsibility
for yourself,

I will
believe in
your decisions
and support
you.

My own
decisions...

In the end, I returned
to the orphanage.

But on the
journey back,

He didn't force anything on me,
and waited for me,

for the first time,
I felt like I had someone on my side.

...and that person,

gave me a
task to do.

I was no
longer afraid

Alright... I guess I
will tell him after all.

Seho...

The
truth
is,

the people

in the
library

ARE OTAKUS
!!!!

SP
KUR!!

It's a private library
being funded by a
large company. The
chairman happens to
share your fantasies
about vampires, which
is why he designed
the building and
employees' uniform
like that.

The people
working
there are also
quite unique
themselves,

... curse it.

but there's
nothing of
the sort you
imagined.

I'm thinking
of continue
working there.

Just what am
I saying...

Since I
also dislike
ordinary
things.











Won Lee...



Carvel..



Um.. I was
just telling you
my relationship
and...



?

Isn't we
introducing
ourselves..?

... THIS IS BAD!!
THE LIBRARY WILL
SURELY CEASE TO
OPERATE!! THE FEW
REMAINING
MEMBERS
WE HAVE WILL
ALL LEAVE!!

DON'T
YOU LOOK DOWN
ON OUR DEAR CARVEL!!
HE'S NOT THAT MUCH
OF AN IDIOT!!

I JUST
WANT TO
GO HOME!!



... I don't
understand.

Hurry!



Why did I say
that before...?



Seho?

...Are
you alright?
I got worried
because all of
you left the
library.

Uuh...
I'm just being
dragged back to
the library.

Oh,

I didn't
have time
to say this
before.

congratulations...
I see you've
found some
friends.


...Sorry,
Seho.

I wasn't
much
help...

It's
alright
you have
already
helped me
plenty

...Huh?





That day, I had no idea

Thank
you
very
much.

just how grave
the consequence
of my choice was.